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OPENING OF TDM OFFICE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to open a new Telecom District Manager Office at Dakshin Dinajpur (Balurghat), West Bengal;

(b) if so, the time by which the construction of new TDM Office is likely to commence; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Raiganj, Secondary Switching Area (SSA) has 54192 Direct Exchange Lines (DELs) and is headed by a General Manager under West Bengal Telecom Circle. Balurghat in Dakshin Dinajpur has 14034 Direct Exchange Lines (DELs) under Raiganj Secondary Switching Area (SSA). The Secondary Switching Area (SSA) constitutes the basic management and operative unit of the Circle and the unit is called Telecom District. The existing Telecom District covering a Secondary Switching Area is not to be bifurcated to create another Telecom District (SSA) on account of increase in workload due to technical operational and administrative reasons. As such, it is not contemplated to open a TDM office at Dakshin Dinajpur (Balurghat), West Bengal.